

Notification of Request for Authorization under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act

Date posted: April 21, 2015 **Institution:** Park University

Current status: Authorized to offer degree programs in Washington State

Nature of request: Authorization to offer an additional degree program

Proposed programs: Bachelor of Public Administration with emphases in:

Business Relations Criminal Justice

Fire Services Management (degree completion program)

Homeland Security Public Service

Location: 92 MSS/DPE

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Background:

Park University is a private, non-profit university based in Parkville, MO. It has been offering associate and bachelor degrees at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, WA since 1990. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC) since 1913.

Nature of the review:

Prior to granting authorization to offer new degree programs in Washington State, the Washington Student Achievement Council/Degree Authorization reviews elements such as program outcomes, course requirements, method of course delivery, faculty credentials, and student services.

The programs to be offered by Park University appear to meet the requirements of the Degree-Granting Institutions Act.

Information on the additional programs can be found in the university's online catalog, pages 224-225: 2014-2015 Undergraduate Catalog

Timeline:

The WSAC will accept comments on this application until May 5, 2015.

Any individuals with knowledge that may indicate the institution and/or the program does not meet the authorization requirements of WAC 250-61 are requested to submit comments to: Degree Authorization.

If you would like to know more about the current law and regulations that govern the program, they can be found at the following links: the statute is RCW 28B.85 and the regulation is WAC 250-61.